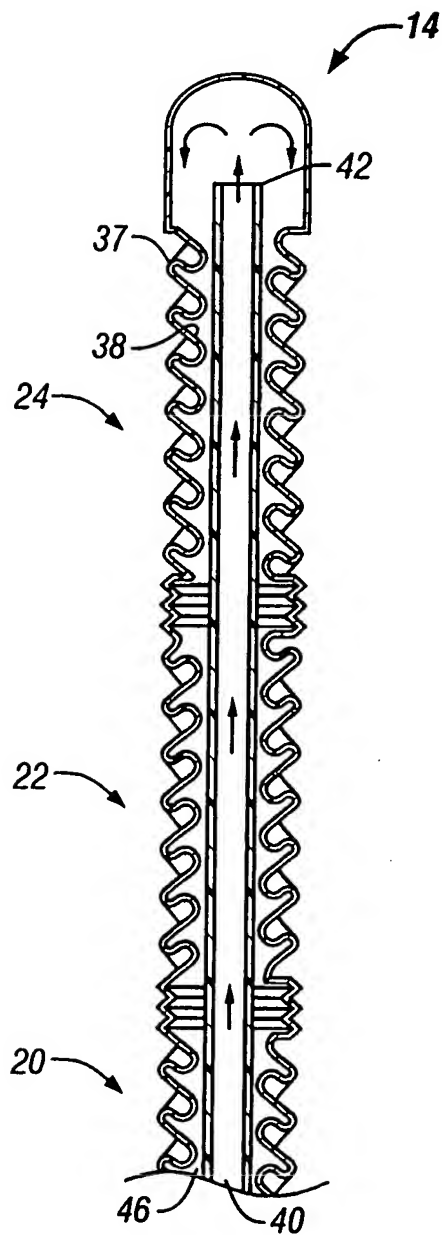
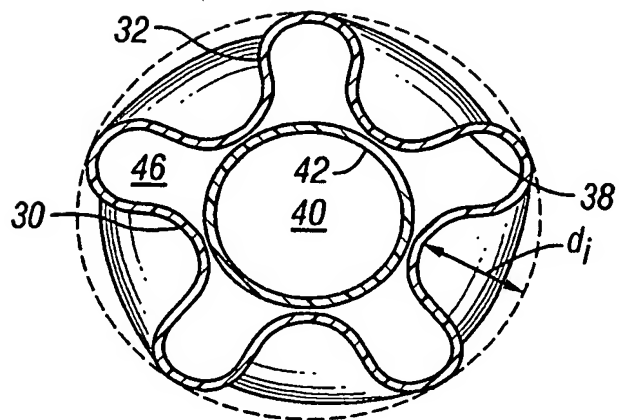


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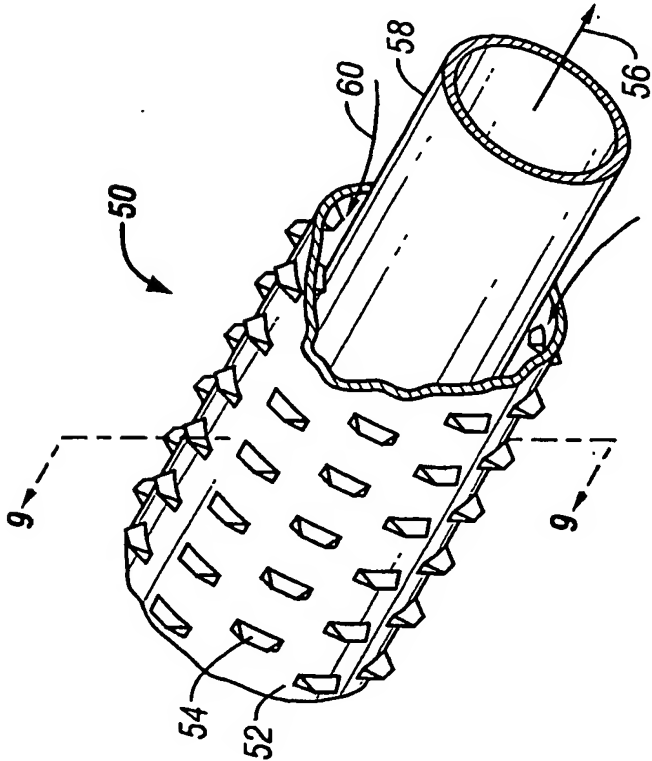


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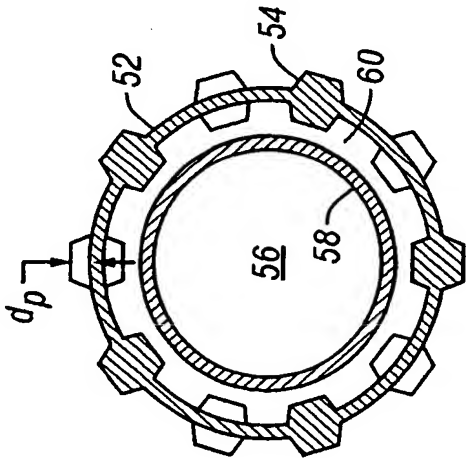


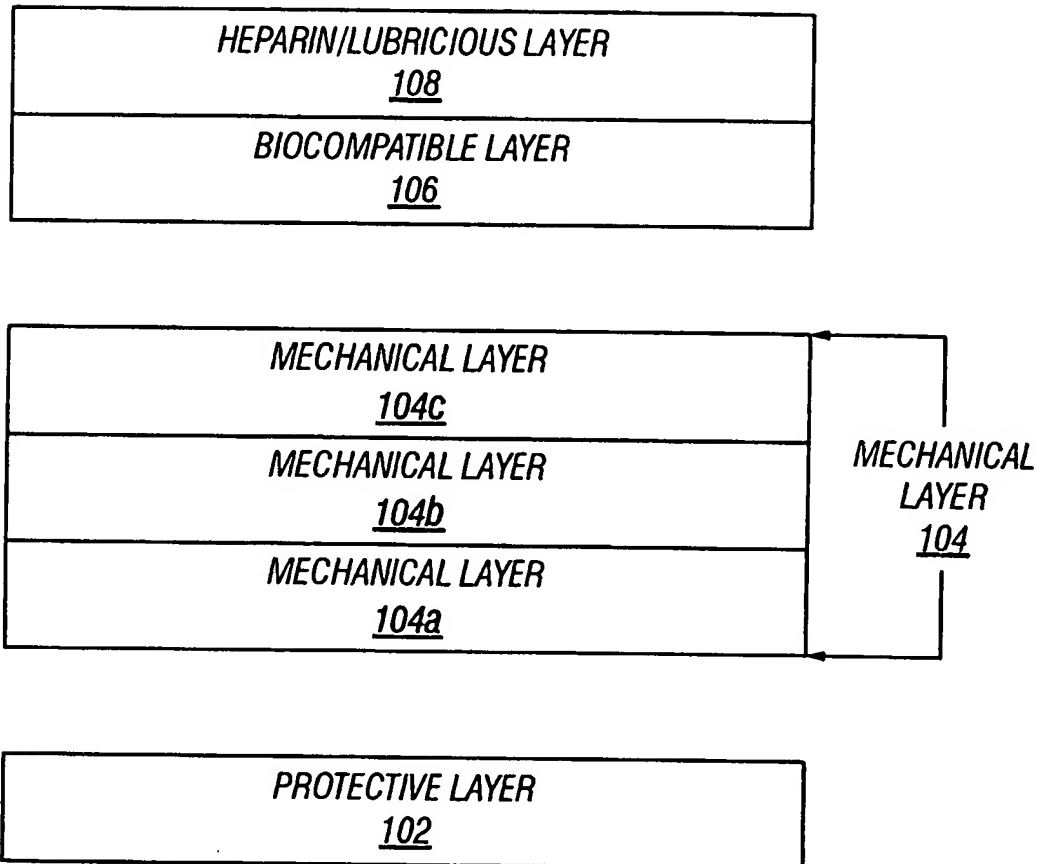
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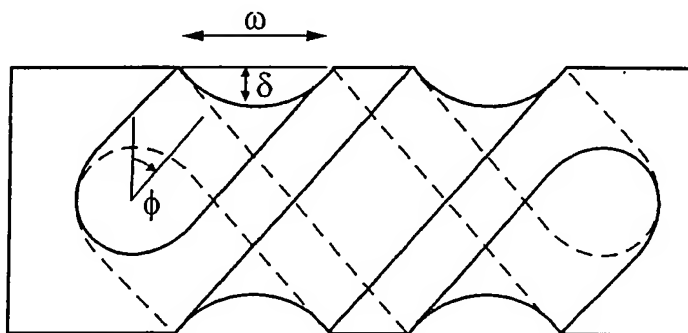
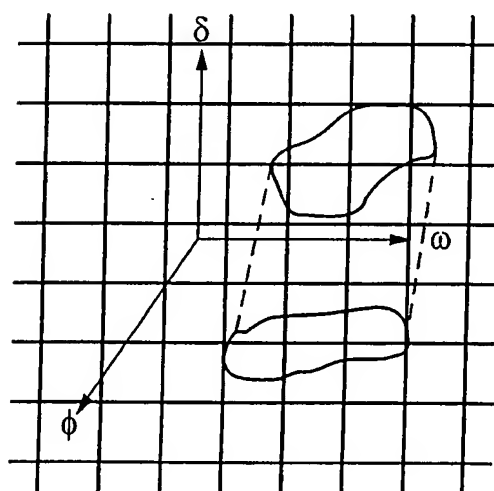
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<i>MECHANICAL LAYER</i> <u>104</u>

**FIG. 6**

<i>HEPARIN/LUBRICIOUS LAYER</i> <u>108</u>
<i>BIOCOMPATIBLE LAYER</i> <u>106</u>
<i>MECHANICAL LAYER</i> <u>104</u>
<i>PROTECTIVE LAYER</i> <u>102</u>

**FIG. 7**

**FIG. 8**

**FIG. 9****FIG. 10**

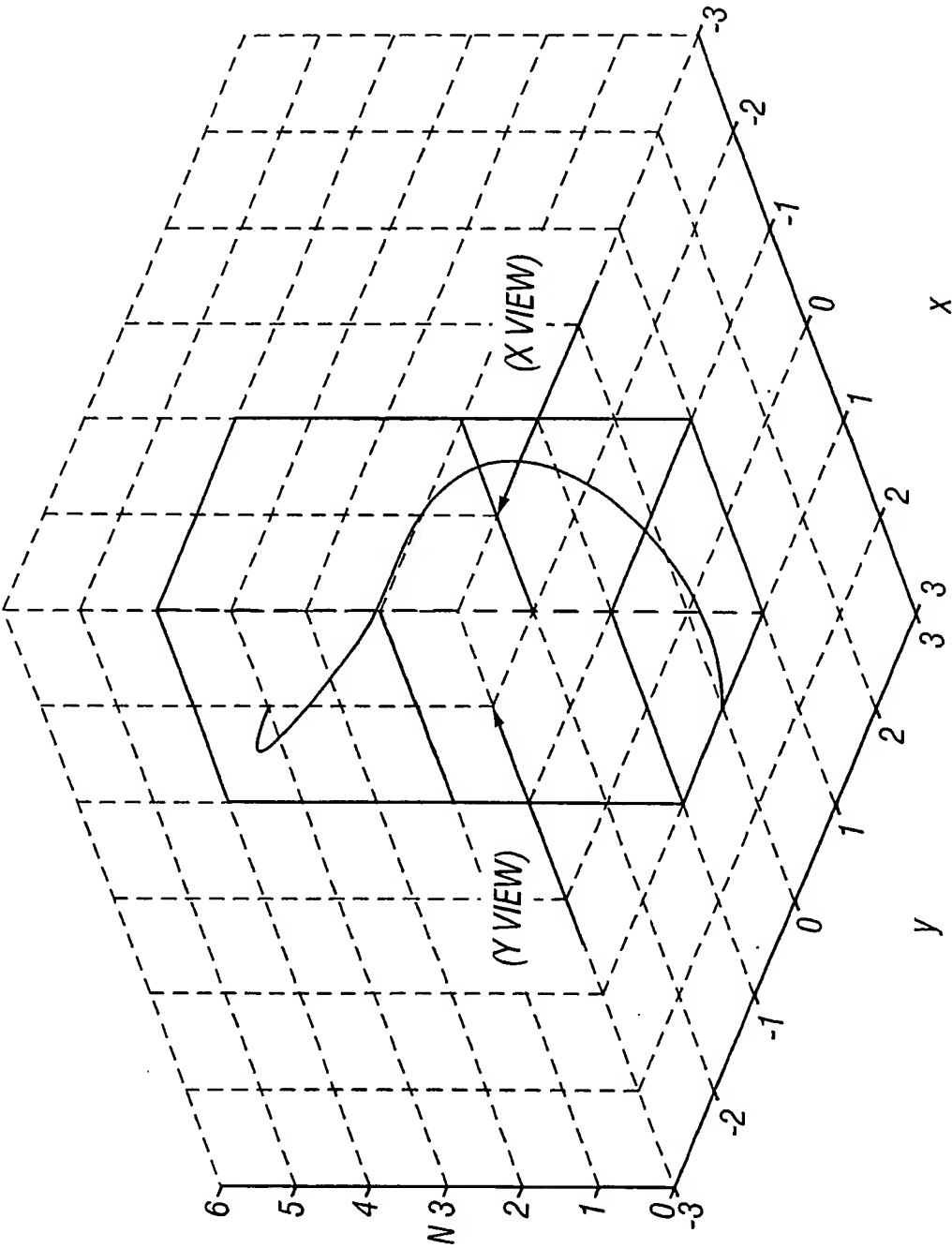
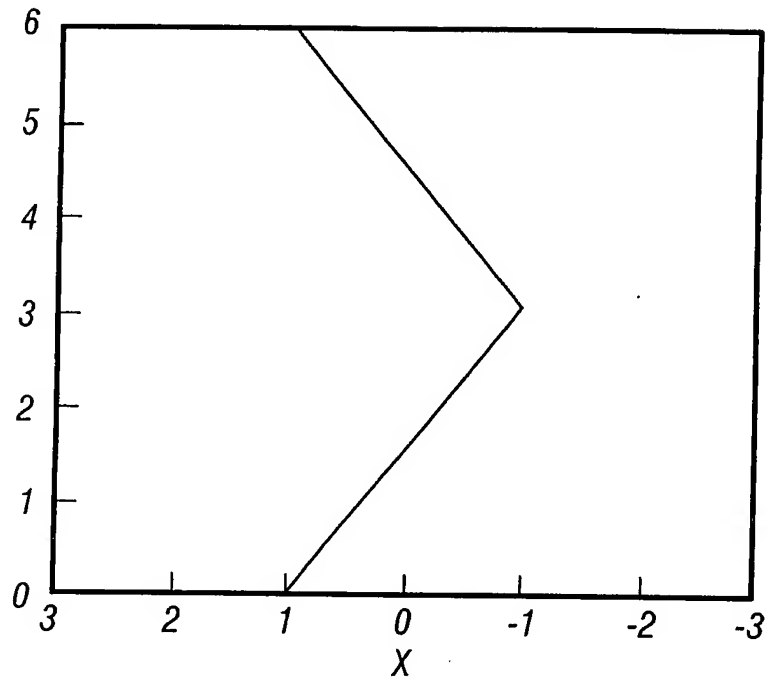
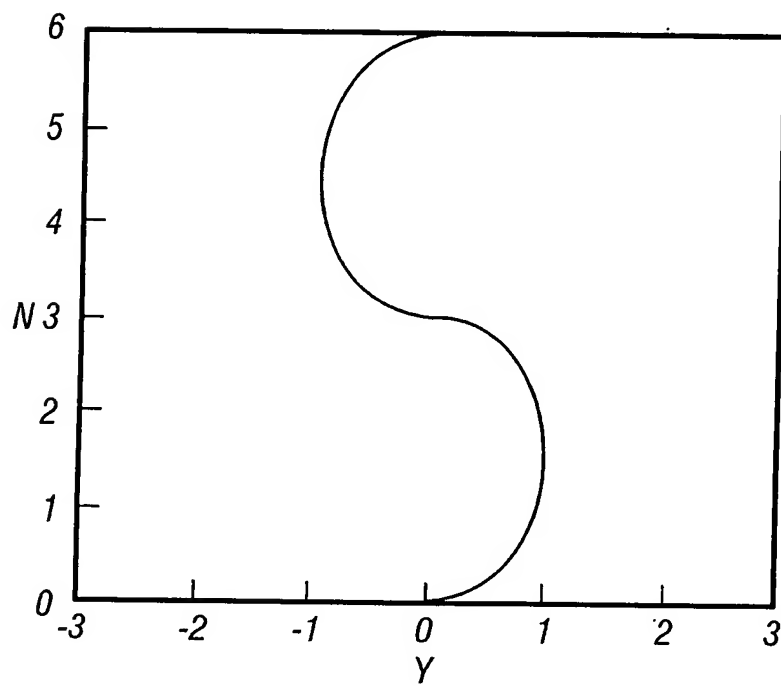


FIG. 11

**FIG. 12****FIG. 13**



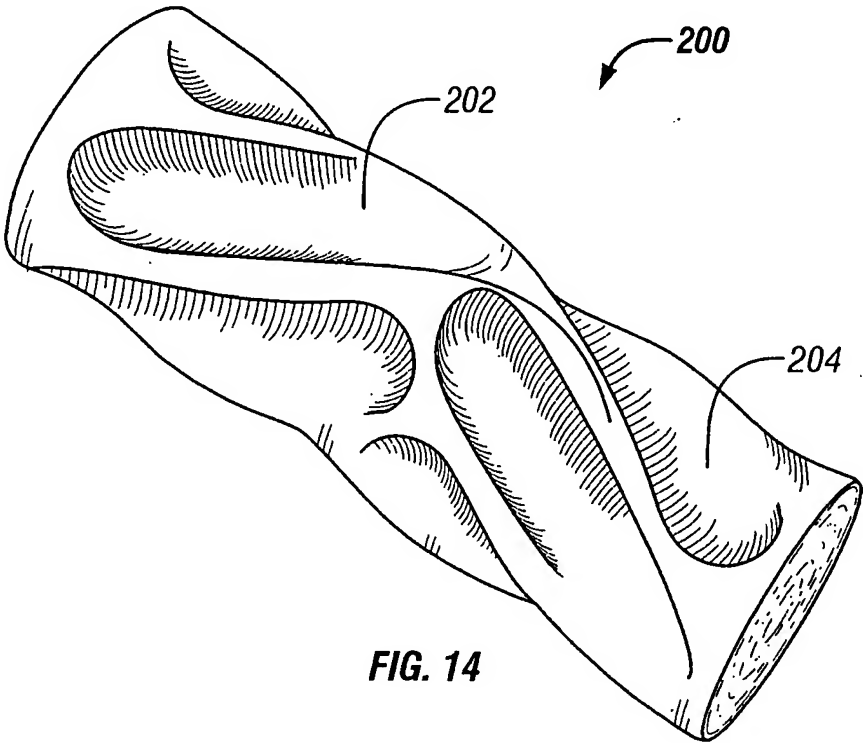


FIG. 14

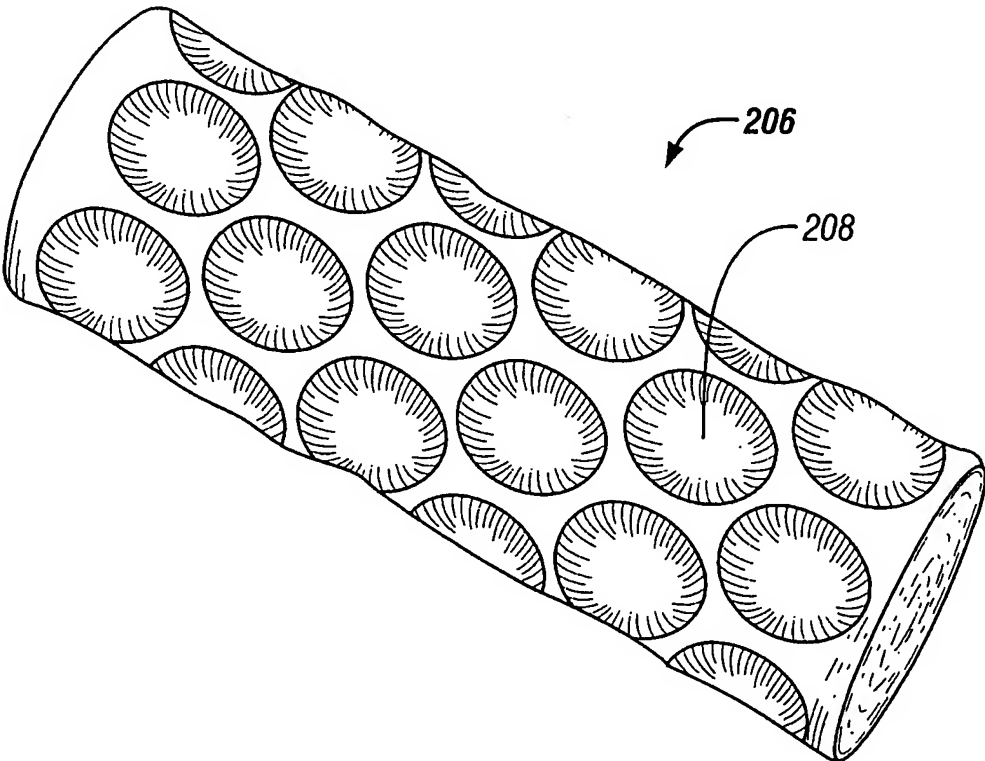


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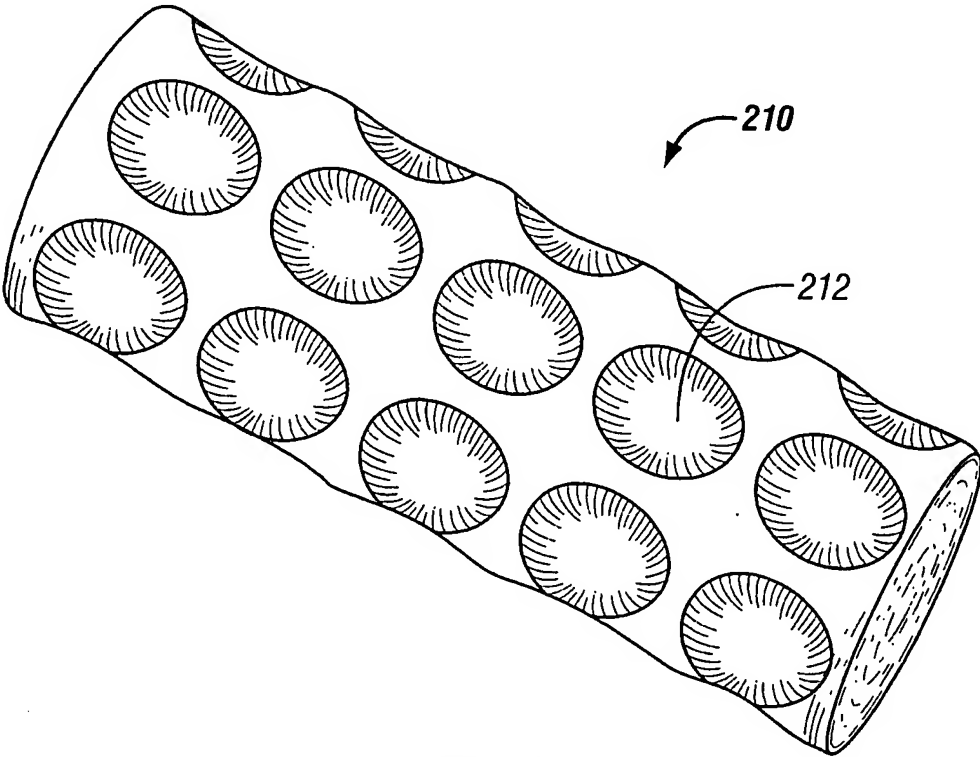


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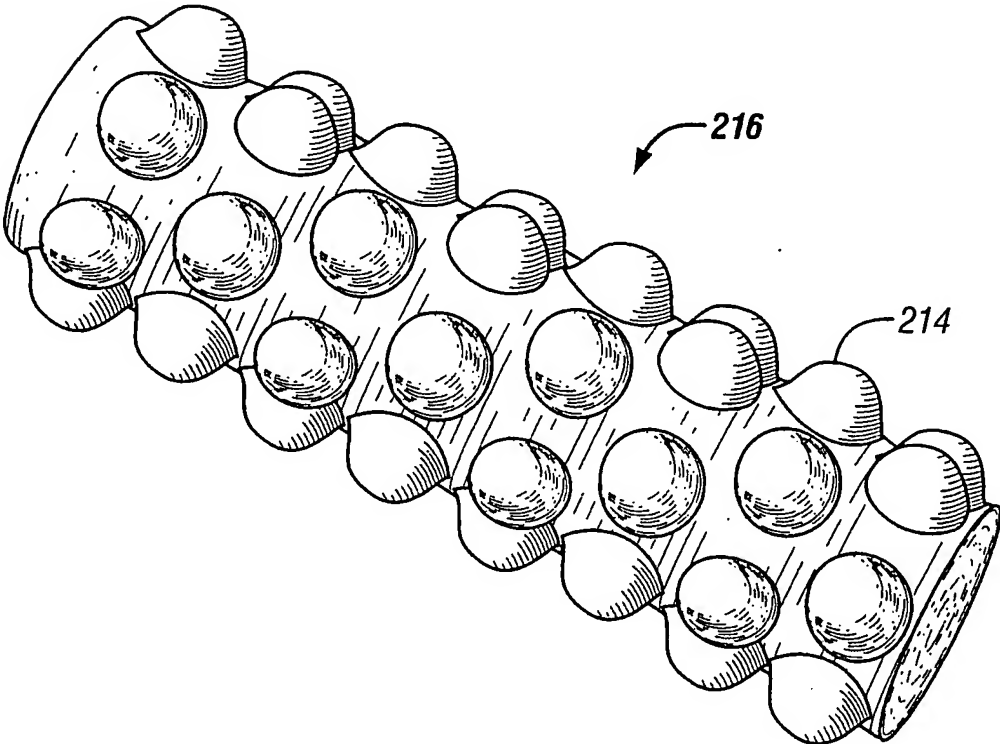


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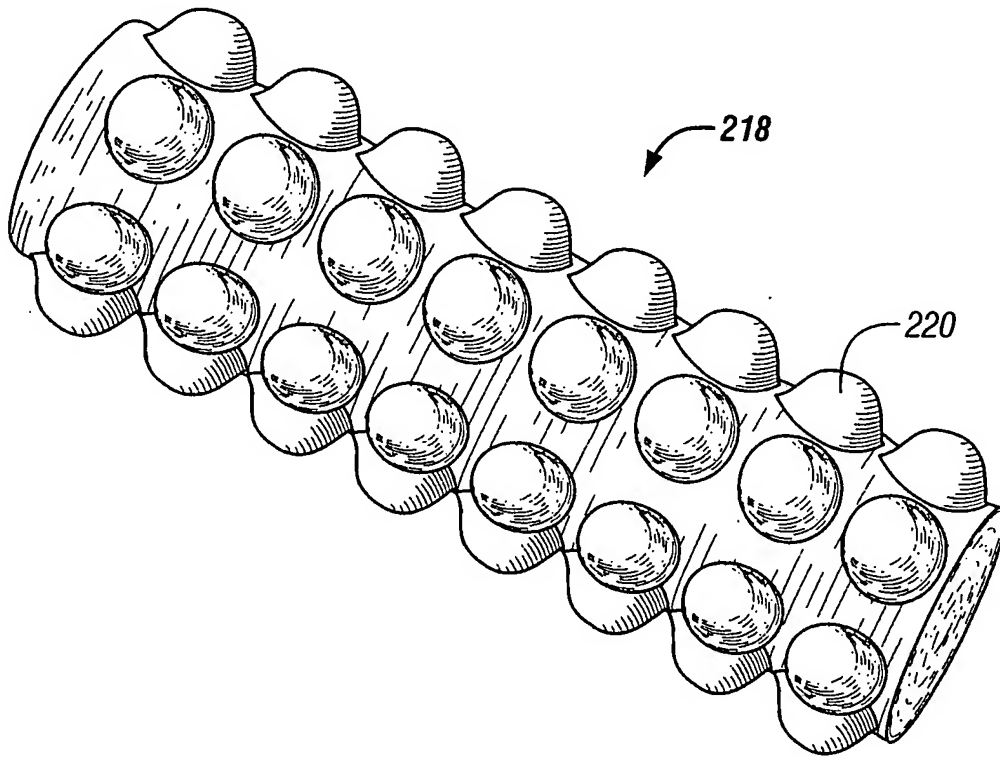


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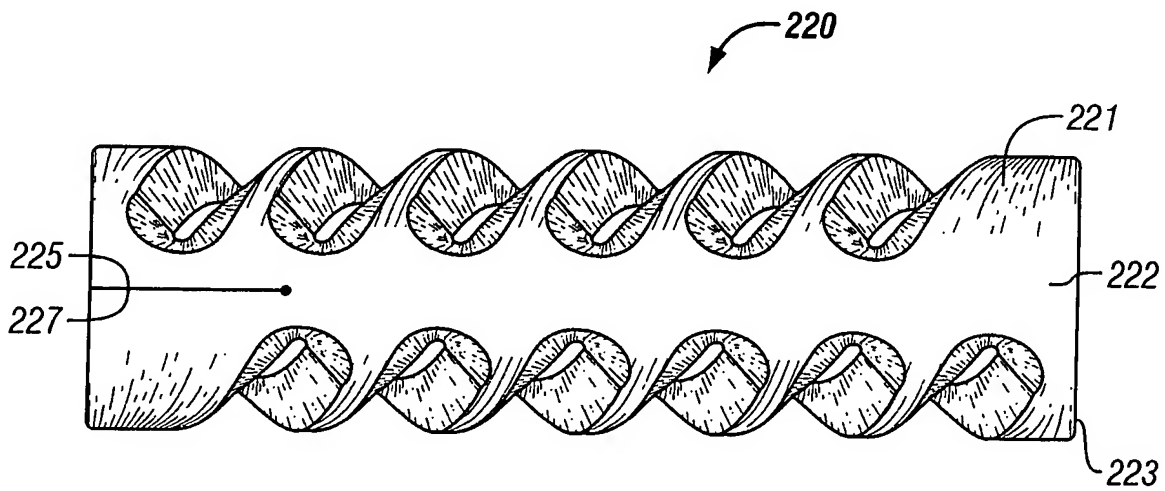
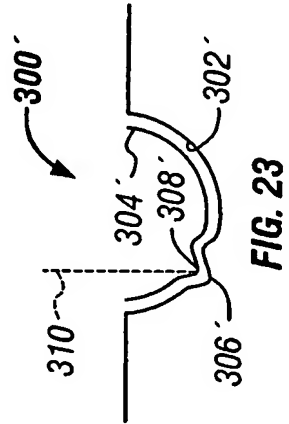
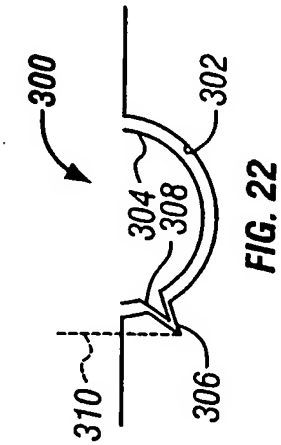
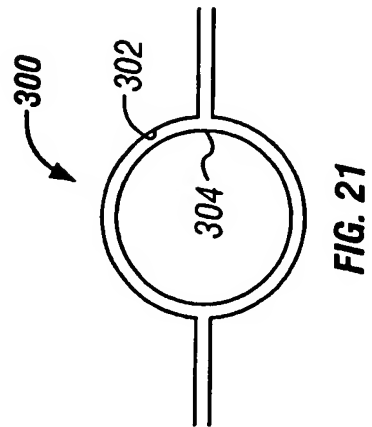
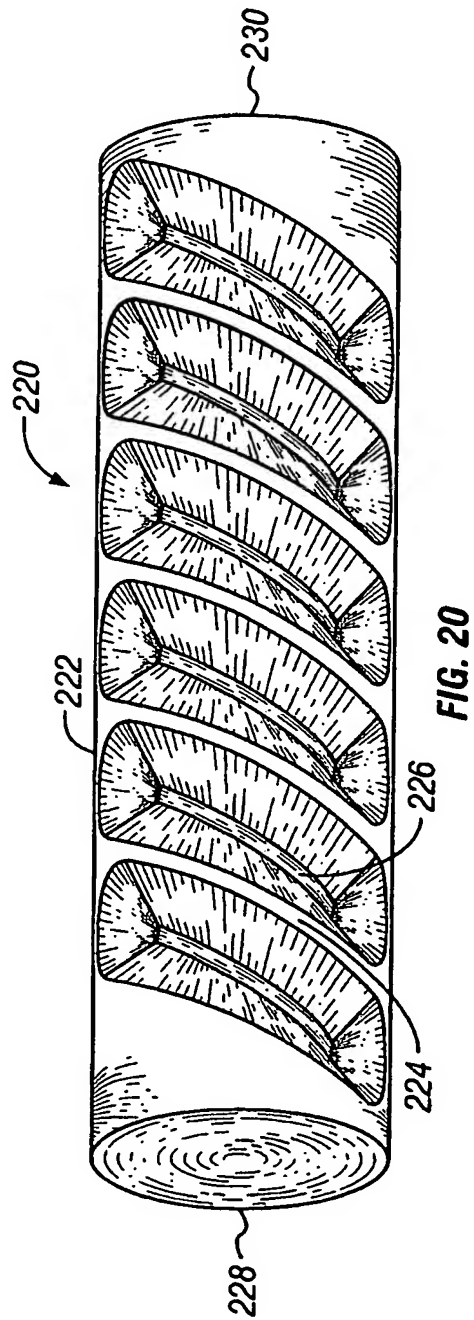


FIG. 19



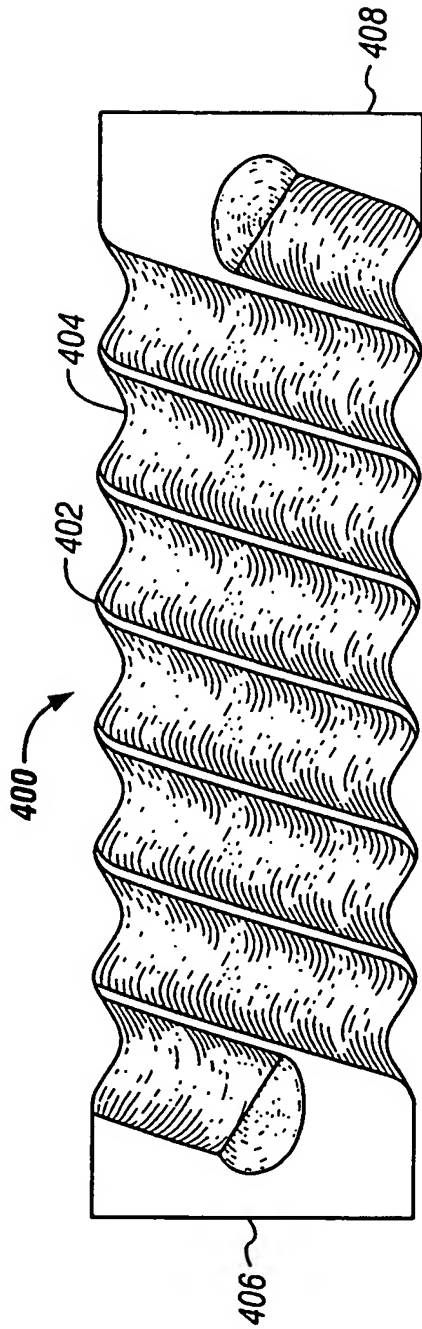


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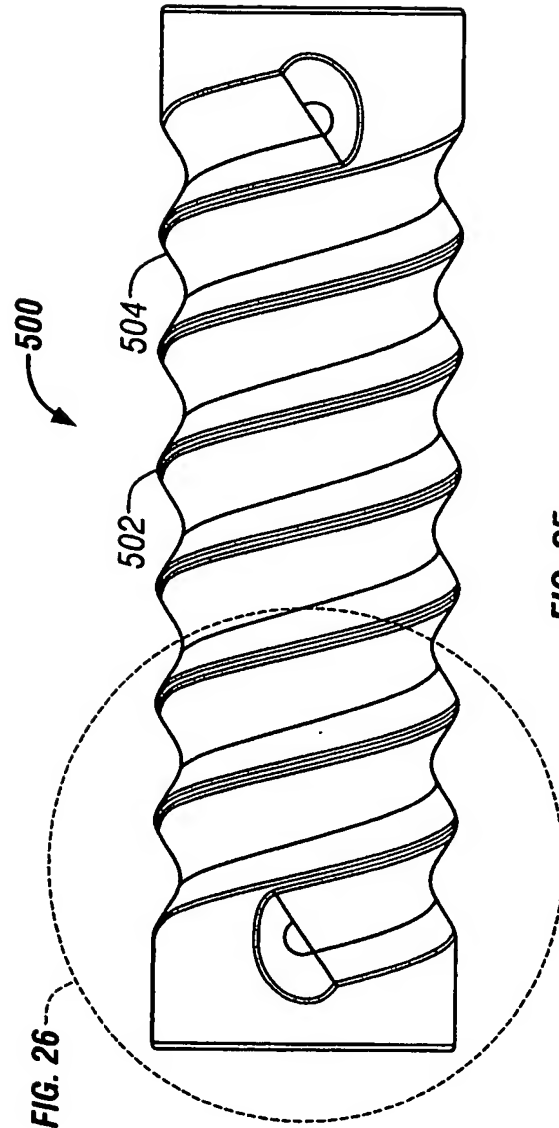
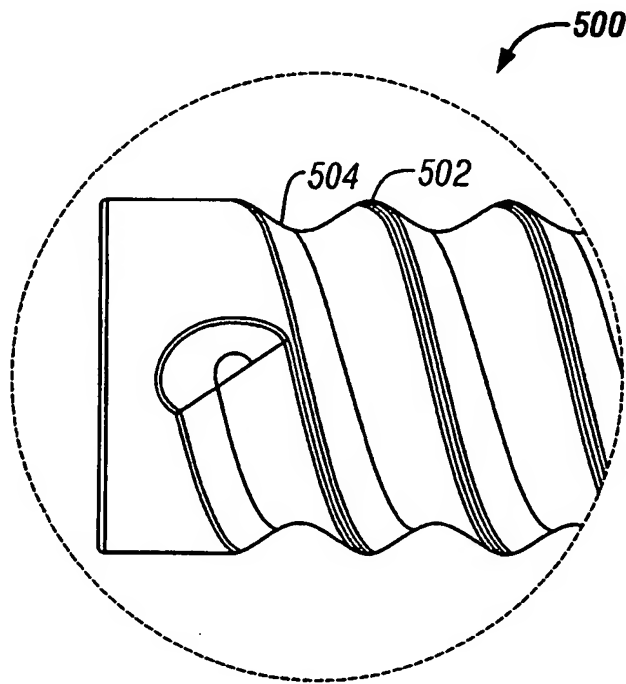


FIG. 25



**FIG. 26**

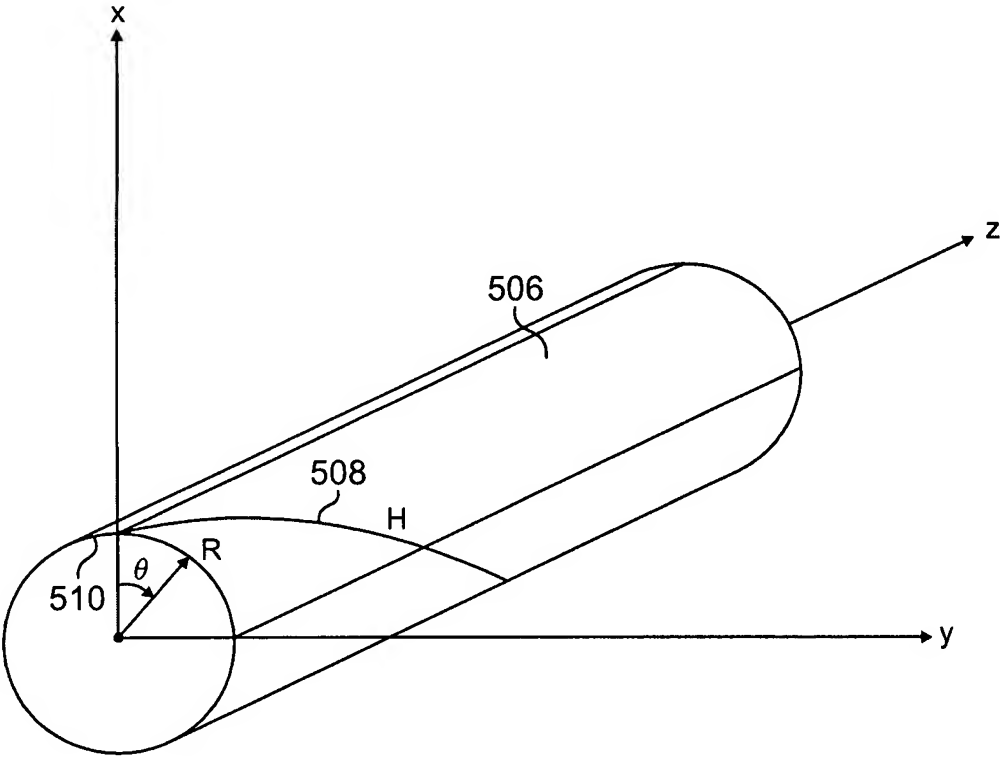


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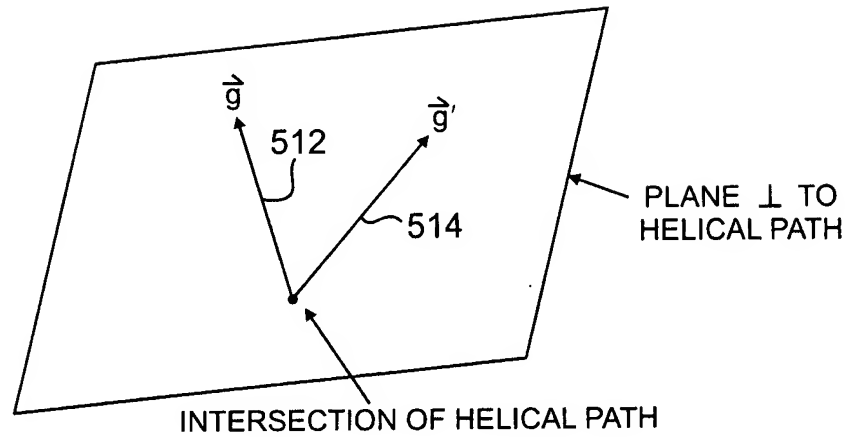


FIG. 28

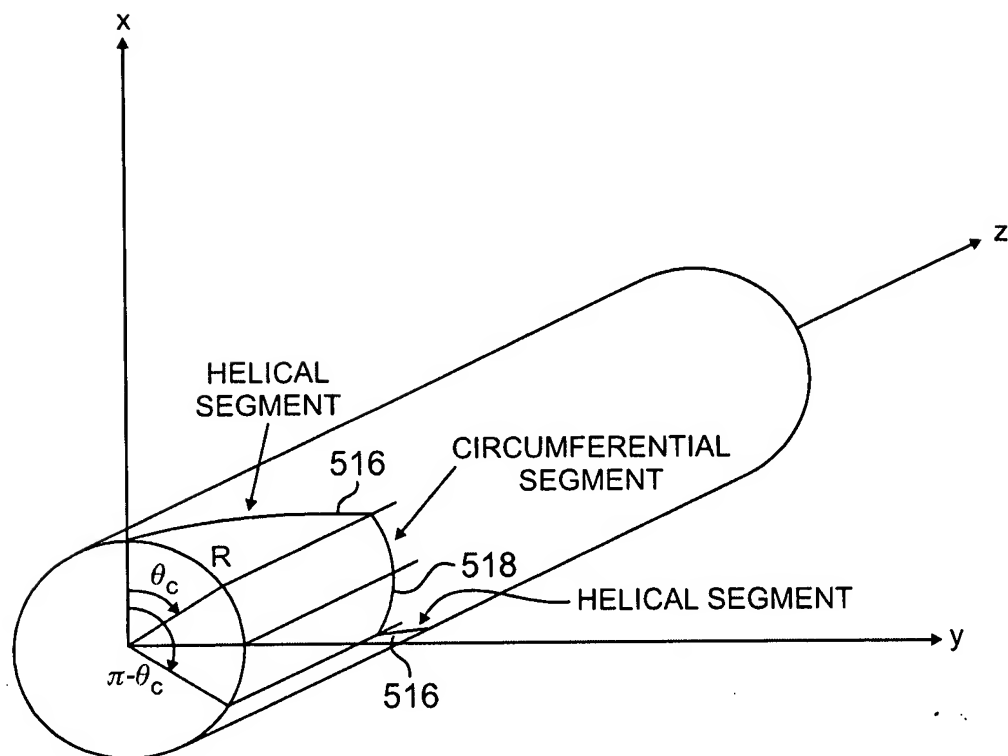


FIG. 29



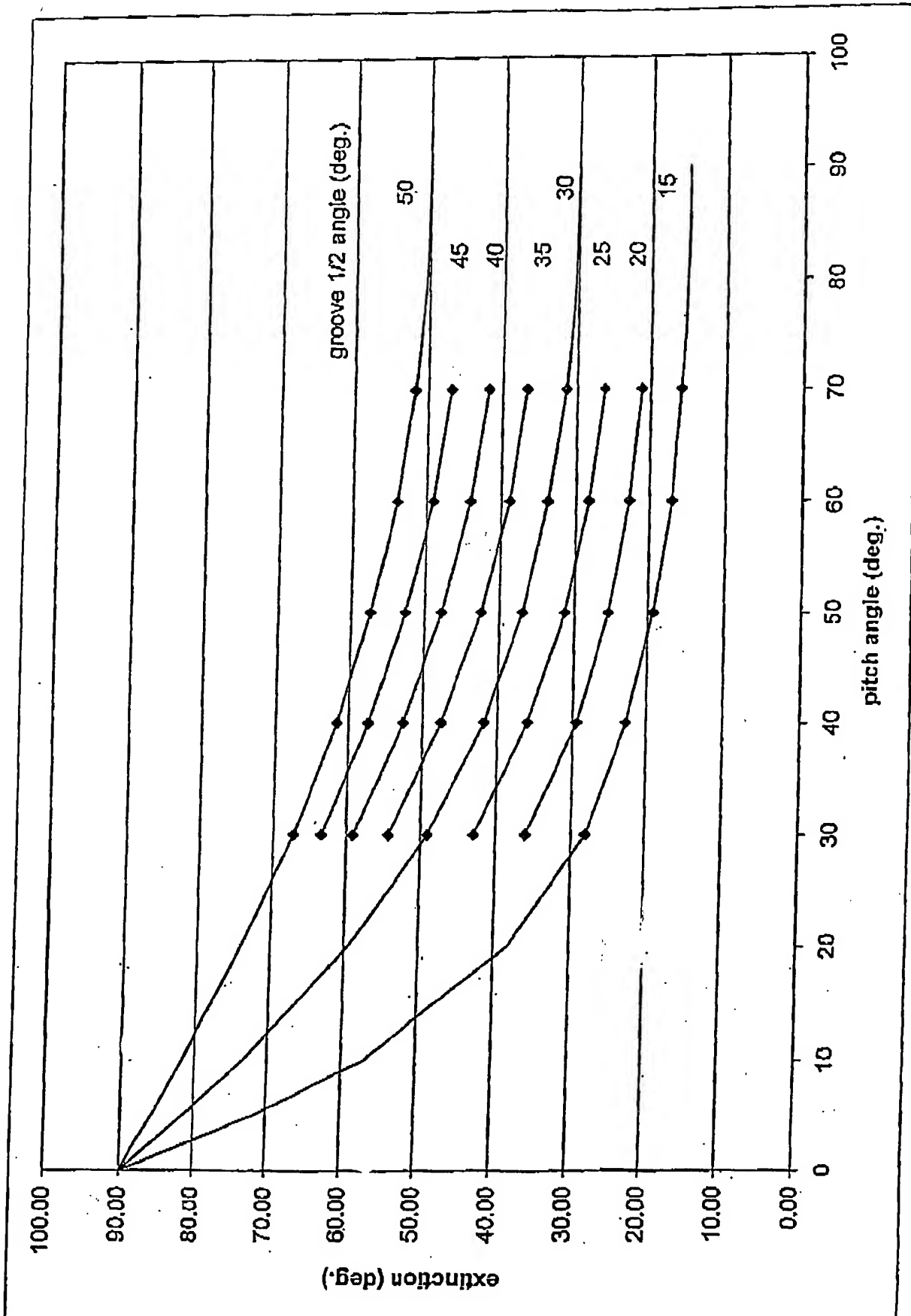


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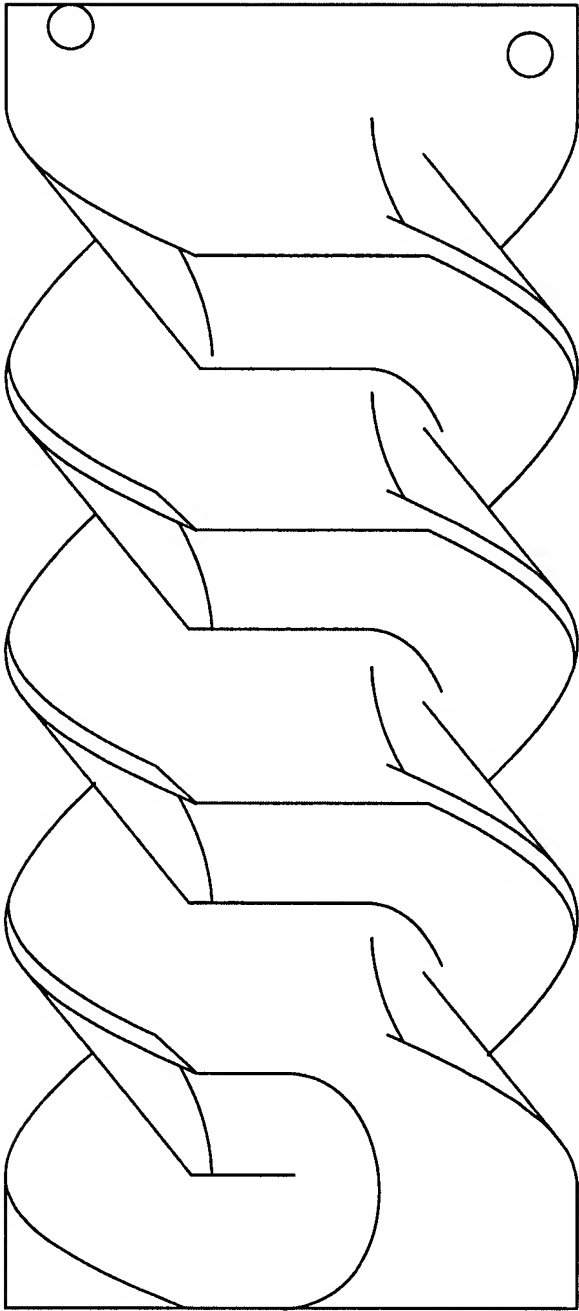


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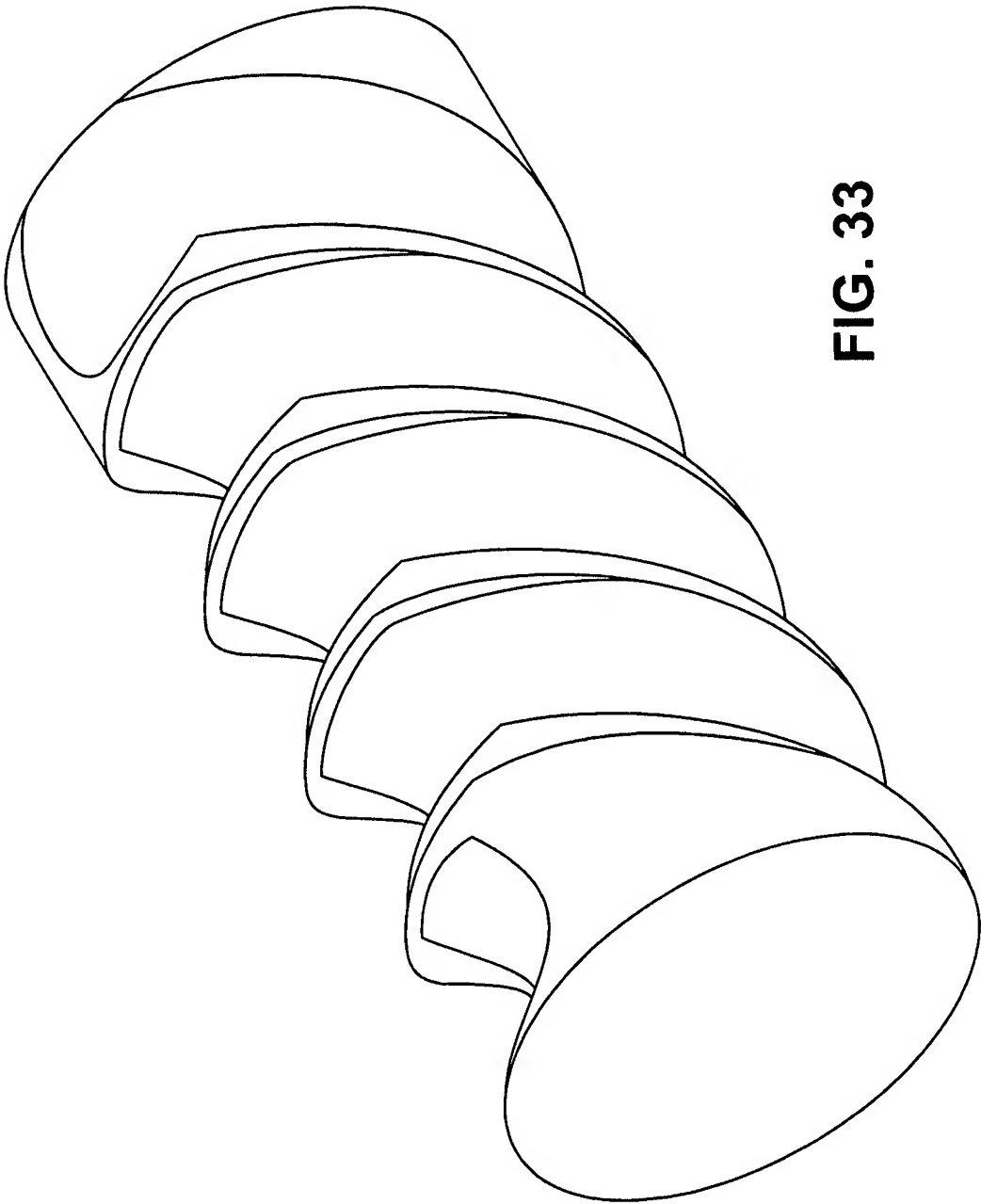


FIG. 33